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**9 FAM 41.63 REGS/STATUTES AND  
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**9 FAM 41.111 PROCEDURAL NOTES;**

**9 FAM 41.113 PROCEDURAL NOTES  
AND**

**9 FAM 41.122 PROCEDURAL NOTES**

## MAJOR CHANGES

1. 9 FAM 41.63 Statutory Provisions, is a new addition that added INA 212(e) and INA 214(l) and 9 FAM 41.63 Notes, is a new section;
2. 9 FAM 41.81 Notes, updated to reflect K petitions, vaccination requirements and other editorial changes;
3. 9 FAM 41.107 Notes, discussed fee exemptions;
4. 9 FAM 41.108 Notes, updated to reflect K visa applicants and other editorial changes;
5. 9 FAM 41.111 Procedural Notes, updated to reflect new procedures of certain visas and other editorial changes;

6. 9 FAM 41.113 Procedural Notes, updated to include reference links; and

7. 9 FAM 41.122 Procedural Notes, updated to reflect new procedures of certain visas.

8. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. Other than formal titles, the italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.

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